GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:233
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2001
EXPORT OF IRON ORE FROM KUDREMUKH
ALE NARENDRA

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether iron ore extracted from Kudremukh area in Karnataka is being exported to Japan;

(b) if so, the total quantity exported during the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Kudremukh iron ore has gold concentration which would be economical to our country;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) the measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this connection?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Ltd. exports iron ore concentrates, iron ore pellets and pellet fines to Japan.

(b) The total quantity exported to Japan during the last three years by KIOCL was as under:

Qty. in Dry Metric Tonnes

Year	Concentrate	Pellets	Pellet Fines
2000-2001	836089	61588	31054
1999-2000	962329	81109	81334
1998-1999	1048840	188151	62277

(c)to(e) Preliminary tests on iron ore tailings at Kudremukh found traces of gold which are too low to be economically viable for extraction.